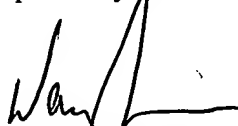


REMARKS

Claims 1-4 and 44 are pending in this application. The reasons for patentability of these claims is asserted in the Appeal Brief filed concurrently with this amendment. To place this case in better form for this appeal, claim 45 is canceled.

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